

Claim 9 is provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 6 of copending Application No. 10/805,221 in view of Hirano, Japanese Patent 61238075A. Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

Claim 9 is provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 6 and 9 of copending Application No. 10/805,228 in view of Hirano. Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

Claim 9 is provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 and 11 of copending Application No. 10/805,250 in view of Hirano. Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome this rejection.

Withdrawal of all outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 204552032600.

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